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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production,
Processing, and Handling of Food

To whom it may concern:

I believe people should know what is "in" their food. If radiation is used in the treatment of food, it is for all intents and purposes "in" the product. As such 'radiation' or 'irradiation' should be listed clearly along with the ingredients. The same goes for produce such as apples oranges and meat. Although they may not usually have a label, if these things are irradiated then people should be informed with a stamp or a sticker or some other clear sign. The FDA should maintain the current labeling law and continue to use the current term, "treated with radiation" or "treated by radiation" in labeling regulations.

As a matter of record this issue was settled ten or fifteen years ago. It is not clear to me why you would consider changing this law except to serve special interests. The people who shop with you at the grocery store, The citizens of The USA are depending on your good judgement in this matter.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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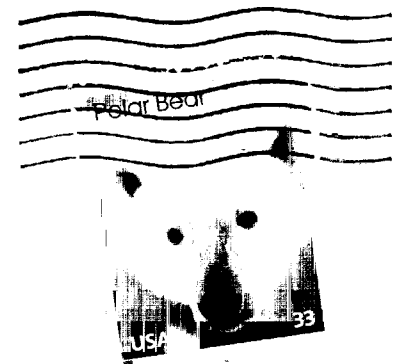
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